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NEW SERIES—VOLUME NO. 35

Foreign Missionaries Reach Total 1,014

Missionaries under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board have reached a grand total of 1,014, a record high, as a result of 14 new appointments at the June meeting of the Board.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, in announcing the new number, has declared "The greatest need facing Southern Baptists today in their world missionary enterprise is more volunteers for foreign mission service.

Paralleling the above need is the ever increasing necessity for increased financial support, both through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon offering.

Southern Baptists are committed to world mission. Today the 1,014 missionaries are serving in 35 countries and territories overseas. The Foreign Mission Board hopes to have 1750 missionaries under appointment at the earliest possible date.

The Orient, where more than half of the world's people live, affords unlimited opportunities for Christian witness.

Latin America has been the scene of Southern Baptist missionary work for 75 years.

In Africa, Europe and the Near East, missionaries work in metropolitan centers and small communities to share the gospel.

A picture of the 14 new appointees is carried on an inside page.

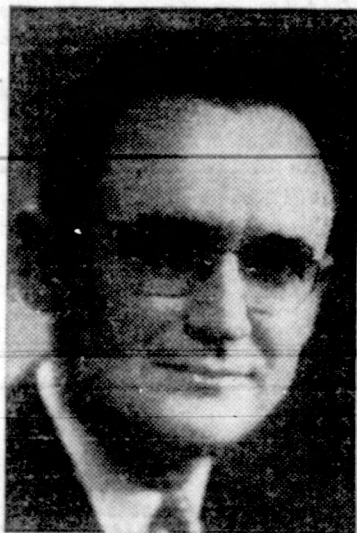
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State Being Mobilized For C-D Night

A substantial majority of the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will observe Church and Denomination Night in September-October, according to plans now rapidly developing.

Although Church and Denomination Night, will be a local church event, plans for promotion are developing on an associational basis with leaders from a majority already committed to an all-out program of emphasis.

Plans call for associational (Continued on Page 2)



Dr. Baker James Cauthen

Plans Are Set For 1957 Meet

By the BAPTIST PRESS

The site for the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention session in Chicago, Ill., and the headquarters hotel there have been chosen.

The Convention's Executive Committee approved the International Amphitheater as meeting place and the Hilton Hotel as headquarters hotel.

May 29 - June 1 will be the date.

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ATTENTION G. A.'s!

All Junior G. A.'s are urged to give special attention to the article on page two regarding an additional camp.

NEWS

From Here And
There

By Religious News
Service

Chicago — Chicago Temple, the 556-foot skyscraper that houses First Methodist church, has hauled down its \$5,000 red neon sign and replaced it with a white one.

Honk Kong — Bishop Frederick A. Donaghy, M. M., of New Bedford, Mass., said here that public worship will "soon be wiped out" in China if the Communists continue their present policies.

New York — A record total of 121,488 public school children are attending released-time religious instruction classes here. The previous high was 1948 when 119,599 attended the classes.

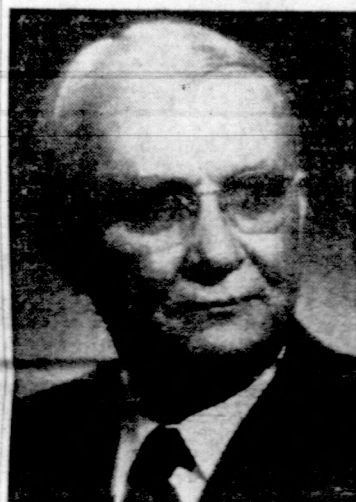
Sacramento, Calif. — Attorney General Edmund G. Brown ruled here that the Bible may be read as literature, but not for religious purposes, in California public schools.

Rochester, N. Y. — Thomas J. Watson, Sr., chairman of the board of International Business Machines Corp., and Mrs. Watson have presented a gift of \$1,000,000 to the Genesee Methodist Conference.

Tallahassee, Fla. — A bill prohibiting advertising that discriminates against religious groups was passed by the legislature and sent to Governor Leroy Collins.

2583 Baptized In Spring Crusades

To Visit State— Cox Will Lead Writers' Confab



Dr. Norman W. Cox

When Dr. Norman W. Cox of Nashville visits Jackson next Tuesday it will mark a definite milestone in the development of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists as it relates to the Mississippi section.

Dr. Cox, a former Mississippian, and well known, now executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and managing editor (Continued on Page 2)

2583 persons were baptized into the membership of Mississippi Baptist Churches in 31 reporting associations during the recent Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, according to figures released by W. R. Roberts, interim executive secretary-treasurer.

1765 were added by transfer of letter and by statement giving a grand total of 4346 additions during the revivals.

Other visible results were seen in hundreds of other professions of faith, hundreds who surrendered for special service and countless other hundreds who rededicated their lives.

Leading in the total number of baptisms was Hinds County with 358 while Jackson County followed with 260. Lauderdale with 199 was third; Sunflower with 175 was fourth and Attala was fifth with 114.

Three associations, Jackson, Noxubee and Humphreys, were 100% in that every church in the association participated in the Crusade.

Other Associations not reporting will be added later as their reports come in.

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Know The Leader— President Scraps For Convictions

The new president of the Southern Baptist Convention is seemingly quiet and mild-mannered. But, he'll fight against all the odds when his convictions are at stake.

Election of Casper Carl Warren was tribute to a man who more than once has sacrificed popularity to keep his fellow Baptists true to their principles.

Dr. Warren is pastor of the First church in Charlotte, N. C. (Continued on Page 2)

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Workers Safe

Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina are "all safe," according to Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America for the Foreign Mission Board who has just received a cable from the Argentine Baptist Mission.

Ground-Breaking For Clarke Library



Formal ground breaking ceremonies June 14 officially launched construction on the Clarke College. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Memorial Library at (Continued on Page 2)

President Scraps . . .

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He is a former president of the North Carolina Convention, a former first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Conven-

**Dr. C. C. Warren**

tion and is president of the Convention's Executive Committee.

Turns The Tide: Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital embarrassed the denomination several years ago by voting to accept federal money for their new building. Baptists, almost without exception, have rejected such money as violating the separation of Church and State.

Dr. Warren, almost single-handedly, turned the tide. He spoke emphatically and, in a special meeting of the state convention, won his position by a vote of about 3,000 to 100.

Less than two years ago, he was in the front of another denominational scrap to oust three secretaries in the department of student work. They were charged with liberal views and practices. He won.

No Fanatic: But, reminded of these scraps, Dr. Warren is quick to say he is no fanatic. Instead, he prefers to say he has definite convictions and will stick to them.

The liquor industry in Charlotte probably would vote him unanimously as "Public Enemy No. 1." He has and will continue to give the description to them. He also has been active in Protestants and Other Americans, which doesn't win the friendship of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

But, Dr. Warren isn't forever fighting. His record as pastor for 12 years at Charlotte proves him an able minister.

Evangelistic Pastor: He baptized 226 persons last year, an impressive record for any church but more particularly for a downtown church in a big city.

First North Carolinian: Casper C. Warren will be 59 on

Ground-Breaking . . .

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H. B. Sanders, of Aberdeen, were presented as the principal donors who are giving \$25,000.00 in memory of Mr. Sanders' parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Sanders, of Kosciusko, for whom the Library will be named. Total cost is estimated at \$35,000.00.

Mr. H. B. Sanders, who was asked to turn the first spade of earth, was for 38 years Editor and Publisher of the Aberdeen Examiner and is now retired. He is a graduate of Mississippi State, and worked his way through college. He expressed a special appreciation for Clarke College because of the opportunity it offers to students of limited means.

Those taking part in the ground breaking ceremonies for the Sanders Memorial Library at Clarke College, Newton, on June 14, are: (L. to R.) Earl Cockrell, Tupelo, Trustee; President W. Lowrey Compere; Mrs. H. B. Sanders and Mr. Sanders, Aberdeen, the principal donors; Horace Headrick, Laurel, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; W. L. McMullan, Newton, Trustee; Roy Kuykendall, Newton, Chairman of the Building Committee.

Clearing of the ground has begun, and actual construction will be underway within a few days. It is estimated that the building can be completed within six months.

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State Being . . .

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leaders to get the Association to adopt the program and select a certain period during September-October for observance.

The enlistment of every church would be sought with the associational leadership to provide each church with a team of two visiting speakers as part of the suggested program.

The first report of official associational action comes from Wayne County, where the first two weeks in September has been selected. Mr. M. C. Douglas is stewardship chairman and Rev. James Harrell is missionary.

Other reports of action are expected soon.

May 28. He's a native of Sampson County, North Carolina, and is the first from the Tar Heel State to preside over the Southern Baptist Convention. —The Christian Index, Ga.

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New York — American college students are showing more interest in religion than they have for decades, Dr. John Oliver Nelson, professor of Christian vocation at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., said here.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

14 New Foreign Mission Appointees

These 14 young people were appointed missionaries at the June meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, bringing the total number of active Southern Baptist missionaries to 1,014. They are (left to right):

Sarah Lou Hentley, Texas, for Nigeria; James W. Smith and Elizabeth Flanders Smith, both of Georgia, for Israel; John B. Hill, South Carolina, and Louise Lewis Hill, Alabama, for Nigeria; William A. Cowley,

Kentucky, and Audrey Evans Cowley, Florida, for Nigeria; Karl J. Myers, Jr., West Virginia, and Mary Elizabeth Lawton Myers, South Carolina, for Nigeria; Edgar H. Burks, Jr., and Linnie Jane Joslin Burks, both of Missouri, for Nigeria; Reiji Hoshizaki, California, and Asano Masaki Hoshizaki, Hawaii, for Japan; and Amy Snelling, North Carolina, for Paraguay.

Press Freedom No Right To Obscenity, Baptists Say

(By the BAPTIST PRESS)

Freedom of the press doesn't guarantee a publisher the right to print obscene literature.

So say a number of Southern Baptist laymen and ministers, responding to questions from the Baptist Press.

Several declared that Christian people, especially parents, should express themselves openly against such literature. Those who publish such literature should clean their own house, some said.

Two believed that the framers of the United States Constitution never extended freedom of the press to the publishers of indecent printed matter.

The BP survey included about a dozen Southern Baptists. Some are ministers; others edit daily newspapers and Southern Baptist state weeklies; some are judges and attorneys.

The question of obscene literature has been a public issue for several years. Most recent—

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Cox Will . . .

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tor of the Encyclopedia, will direct a conference for those who have been selected thus far to write the Mississippi section of same 40 pages.

Those present will be briefed on all phases of preparing material for the encyclopedia. Every phase and department of Mississippi Baptist life will be portrayed.

The encyclopedia is scheduled to go on sale for the first time at the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago in 1957. It will contain about 1500 pages and probably be in two volumes.

It will be the first encyclopedia of Southern Baptists in history and will likely meet with great demand.

ly, cities and states have considered laws making it illegal to sell literature that is obscene or that shows vicious crimes.

Generally, questions that have arisen about these laws are—Do they violate freedom of the press? and, Is this the right way to solve the problem?

Southern Baptists took their official stand against obscene literature in their convention at Houston, Tex., in 1953. The issue had been in Baptists' minds before and has been discussed often since then, however.

The Baptist attitude toward the problem is also reflected in the 1956 "Crusade for Christian Morality."

Federal Judge W. R. Wallace, of Oklahoma City, Okla., said legislatures can enact legislation against obscene literature without infringing on freedom of the press.

Another federal judge, Frank A. Hooper, of Atlanta, Ga., thinks that "we should first make every effort to enforce the ones we have" before passing new laws against obscenity.

Newspaper editors, wary of anything smacking of censorship, also spoke out against obscene literature.

Cullum Greene, Sunday editor of the Fort Worth, Tex., Star-Telegram, said "in placing 'freedom of the press' guarantees in the Constitution, (its) framers . . . had in mind, I am certain, that publishers . . . would not infringe on the laws of decency."

He also called for public opinion to condemn the literature.

"Something should be done to remove the stink of undesirable literature," replied Franklin Yates, publisher of the Shelbyville, Tenn., Times-Gaz-

ette. "To do so would not threaten freedom of the press."

Purser Hewitt, managing editor of the Jackson, Miss., Clarion-Ledger, said his paper editorially supported the idea behind a city ordinance "restraining sale of crime and obscene comic books. We have strongly urged publishers to censor their own publications."

In Atlanta, James P. Wesberry, pastor of Morningside Baptist Church, served as chairman of the Georgia Literature Commission. The Commission studied the literature problem.

Wesberry said he wished publishers of objectionable material would clean their own houses. He said there is a difference between freedom of the press and license to print as you please.

Wesberry quoted from an editorial in the Baptist Courier, South Carolina Baptist weekly, which said: "The only effective censorship of reading material . . . is that which is self-imposed."

"I would urge every parent to wake up and get busy (doing) . . . everything within their power to effect better control of poisonous literature," Wesberry added.

He urged both secular and religious press to editorially attack objectionable literature.

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JUNIOR GA's

An Additional camping period is being scheduled for August 29-September 3. GA organizations whose schools do not begin until after September 3 are being asked to transfer from either August 1-6 or August 8-13 to the later date (August 29-September 3), if at all possible. Please notify the WMU Office if you can transfer in order to make room for girls in the earlier camp.

The periods August 1-6 and August 8-13 are filled but if some can transfer that will make room for some girls whose schools begin before September 3.

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Queer thing, but we always think every other man's job is easier than our own. And the better he does it, the easier it looks.

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Booming Baptists

Editor's Note: So much comment has been made regarding News-week Magazine's write-up of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention that we are printing a substantial portion of it this week. It is good sometimes to see what others think of us.

In Los Angeles the 880 commissioners of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. (Northern) were considering such questions as whether to admit women to the ministry (they are already elders). At Atlantic City, N. J. some 10,000 delegates and visitors to the annual meeting of the American Baptist convention (Northern) argued over one very immediate matter, moving the convention's headquarters away from New York to the Midwest. In Boston some 600 delegates attended meetings of the American Unitarian association, munching box lunches and listening to speeches on "Social Science and Pacifism," "Reason as a Basis for Religion," and the like.

Miami Jam: In Miami, the real crush was on. The fastest growing giant in American religious life, the Southern Baptist convention, descended on a city which prides itself on its ability to handle the largest meetings without strain. Some 15,000 "messengers" (as Baptist delegates are called), on their way to the opening, in Dinner Key auditorium created two-mile, bumper-to-bumper traffic jams. During sessions in the huge convention hall, a converted seaplane hangar, Baptist messengers stood in the aisles and overflowed the balcony while hundreds milled outside in the rain. Although many brought their lunch, concession food was also exhausted, and groups sent out to nearby groceries for cold cuts.

This one hundred and tenth annual get-together thus set forth a serious, if gratifying, dilemma for the Southern Baptists: They have grown so big they can hardly find a city to meet in. (A sample requirement is 4,200 hotel-motel rooms.) Within the world Baptist group of 20,000,000 souls, the Southern Baptists now number more than 8,000,000. Convention statistics casually note that two new Southern Baptist churches are now opened every day. From 1928 to 1952 the increase of membership in the Roman Catholic church, for example, was an estimated 50 per cent. In the same period the Southern Baptists advanced more than 102 per cent. Projecting this growth into the future, the convention in about four years could outstrip the Methodist church, now the largest Protestant denomination in the U. S. with more than 9,000,000 members.

Southern Millions: The Southern Baptists are very definitely the largest denomination in the South. One out of every three Georgians is a Baptist, and one out of every five Oklahomans. Their evangelical fervor has carried the "Southern" convention into California, Washington, and Oregon. (Only the pleas of Canadian Baptists dissuad-

ed the Southerners from crossing the border.)

At a time when most religious groups are re-examining themselves in an effort to strengthen their programs for evangelism, the Southern Baptists are enjoying their greatest triumphs. Last year the denomination passed the 8,000,000 mark in church membership, the 6,000,000 mark in Sunday school enrollment, the 2,000,000 mark in Training Union enrollment the \$50,000,000 mark in mission gifts, and the \$300,000,000 mark in total gifts. The SBC also reported that it now has property holdings valued at more than \$1,000,000,000 as compared with \$276,000,000 10 years ago.

Cradle Roll: Perhaps the secret of the Southern Baptists' success is that they have not been afraid to move out into all areas of life. In radio and television the convention is embarked upon a multimillion-dollar program. With the development of the Sunday schools—which catch 80 per cent of the membership—the preacher is no longer the key, necessarily, in evangelistic work. There is a tremendous effort being made to educate everybody for leadership.

There is no denying, either, that the fast growth of the Southern Baptists is symptomatic of a fast-growing tendency in American religion to get back to Bible fundamentals. In a crisis era like this one, people evidently feel the need of an insistence, direct and comforting, on the saving nature of a strong and simple Word. Southern Baptist preachers never made the mistake of so many other U. S. clergymen, who coated their religious message with so many overlays of psychology, sociology, and philosophy that their congregations lost the feeling of comfort altogether.

Firm Foundation: It has been said that "the Baptists are many



but not much." This was never true and is less so today. Yet the diversity within the convention is considerable. There are the tent preachers and the street preachers trained in the "Bible schools," as was the most famous U.S. evangelist now preaching, Billy Graham. However, there is an increasing number of ministers with earned doctorates, and there is a powerful emphasis in the denomination toward a highly educated ministry. The SBC has refused to operate the "Bible schools" and concentrates all its efforts on its five seminaries. In a faith firmly founded on the competency of the individual soul before God, however, it is still true that a man who can't read or write can preach hellfire and brimstone barefooted if he gets a local church to ordain him.

In its churchly atmosphere the Southern Baptist convention ranges from the imposing First Baptist of Dallas—the biggest white Baptist church in the world with 10,523 members—to Miller's Cove Missionary Baptist, near Walland, Tenn. in the Chilhowee mountains of the Great Smokies. Services at the Dallas church are dignified, with a robed choir, and the baptismal pool—used for immersion baptizing as in all Southern Baptist churches—is sedately lined in neat metal.

River Baptism: Miller's Cove, on the other hand, has been organized in hard-shell Baptist country ever since Davy Crockett stalked the bear up and down this hollow of the Smokies. It is proud that there are no moonshiners in its end of the cove, only some stills on the eastern end.

Miller's Cove's pastor, Sidney Staley Sr., says, "We have the mourner's bench, of course. Yes, we shout, especially during revival. Our church has no baptismal pool, so we go down to the river in the

spring and the fall. I've been here two years and so far it hasn't been necessary to baptize in the winter. But if somebody is saved in the wintertime I'll wade right out in that cold river."

Today most SBC members would agree with fiery Dr. Louie D. Newton, minister of Druid Hills church in Atlanta and for 16 years American vice president of the Baptist World alliance. "The Southern Baptists," he says, "are moving up from the brush arbor to the air-conditioned era."

Morality Crusade: At their current Miami meeting, the messengers had by no means forsworn their past insistence on the fundamental faiths of the Bible. Each church is still as independent as it ever was. Convention decisions are not binding on member churches. Under their newly elected president, Dr. Casper C. Warren of First Baptist in Charlotte, N. C., the messengers voted a "crusade for Christian morality," in stages: Personal moral regeneration this fall, justice and honesty in business and social relationships next winter, clean speech and sex behavior in the spring of 1956, morality in public life in the summer, and abstinence from liquor that fall.

Our Readers Write

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

Being a pastor's wife, I believe I can appreciate the value of the Record more than the average woman of our church. I believe that having the Baptist Record going to all the families in our church has made my husband's work more effective. Of course, he works just as hard now as ever, but he gets more results. I thoroughly enjoy the Record and read it from "kiver to kiver". Some of them I find time to read a second time. I do know that the church is more mission-minded now than it was when we only had a few subscribers.

A pastor's wife

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Otherwise a letter of inquiry will have many read it.

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THERE IS YET TIME BUT NOT TOO MUCH

Yes, there is yet time to plan for and promote a splendid Vacation Bible school this summer, but there is not a great deal of time left for a school this year.

This is a seasonal activity and must be done only during the vacation time. Since June is now about gone, there are only two months left in which we can have a Vacation Bible school this summer.

So, work hard and fast to have a school this year, and also to make it the very best you have ever had. We want not only to reach every boy and girl we can for these schools, but we also want to have the most efficient school we can. Let's improve the type as well as the size of the schools.

A GOOD TESTIMONY

We got this statement from Mr. Sibley C. Burnett, Southside VBS leader:

"A sixteen year old girl who had driven a horse and buggy eight miles each day, with a buggy load of children and two children on the back of the old gray mare, found Christ last year during Vacation Bible school and said to the principal, 'I ain't never been to Sunday school in my life before'."

"Thousands of boys and girls accept Christ as their Saviour in Bible school. Thousands more make such decisions after the school is over. The evangelistic tide do not stop with the boys and girls; many fathers, mothers, grandparents, and others are influenced by the Vacation Bible school."

"Do not deprive boys and girls in your community from having the blessing of a Vacation Bible school this summer."

And to which we say a most hearty, "AMEN."

KEEP THEM COMING, PLEASE

The Vacation Bible school reports are coming in now in a great way. Not a day passes but that we get some reports, and the volume will increase as the season advances.

June is the month of the greatest number of schools. It is No. 2 with May and August both good months.

The best time to send in the report is just as soon as the school closes, while the information is at hand and the work is fresh in the minds of the workers.

We need these reports so much, please send in yours just as soon as the school is over. Don't delay, please, in this important part of a good school.

And, send two copies of the report, one for the state office

and one for the office in Nashville. Send both to the state office and we shall send the one on to Nashville.

WHAT ABOUT RIDGECREST?

If you plan to attend one of the Sunday school weeks at Ridgecrest, you better make your reservation there immediately, and that might be too late now. Anyway, try it.

If you get your reservation there, or already have it, and want to go on our bus for the first week, let us know soon. We have some places left.

MORE STANDARDS

These units have recently become standard:

Cradle Roll — Laurel, Second Avenue, Mrs. Jas. D. Burns, superintendent; Ripley, First, Mrs. Clifton Pickens, superintendent.

Nursery Departments — Magnolia, Mrs. Hollis Griffin, superintendent; Kosciusko, First, Mrs. David Bozone, superintendent; Jackson, Parkway, Mrs. Roger B. Johnson, superintendent; Natchez, Immanuel, Mrs. A. L. Green, superintendent; Clinton, Mrs. J. F. Gordon, superintendent.

Beginner Departments — Jackson, Calvary, Mrs. Luther Ford, superintendent.

Primary Departments — McComb, First, Mrs. P. N. Bond, superintendent; Brookhaven, First, Mrs. W. D. Henning, superintendent.

Primary Classes — Jackson, Calvary, Mrs. H. L. Green, Miss Louise Townsend, Mrs. E. P. Sylvester, Mrs. H. A. Richards, teachers; McComb, First, Mrs. C. C. Johnston, teacher; Hazlehurst, First, Mrs. John Thornton, teacher; Hattiesburg, Main Street, Mrs. J. A. Beeson, teacher; Batesville, First, Mrs. G. A. Coleman, teacher; Brookhaven, First, Mrs. Sam Bolion, Mrs. W. H. Robertson, Jr., Mrs. J. E. Sprayberry, Mrs. H. C. Rice, and Mrs. Gordon Sweeney, teachers.

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127 BMC Girls To Do Summer Religious Work

Blue Mountain College students to the number of 127 will do religious work this summer, according to Faye Wilkes, student secretary.

These students will work with the State Training Union Department, as counselors at Camp Garaywa, at Blue Ridge YWCA camp, on the Ridgecrest staff, with the Home Mission Board, with the Crestridge Camp near Ridgecrest, with the interdenominational Christian camp near Louisville, with Camp Fire Girls Camp in Missouri, and with the Baptist

Why I Believe In The Return Of Christ

By J. ESTILL JONES

New Testament Interpretation
 Sou. Baptist Theol. Seminary
 Louisville 6, Ky.

I believe in the return of Christ first because of Jesus'



promise; second, because of the church's faith; and third, because of the logic of God's redemptive plan.

1. Many times Jesus encouraged his disciples to be alert and watchful (Matt. 25:13, Mark 13:37, Luke 12:40). Their watchfulness was to be a continuing attitude extending beyond their own experiences into the future when the "Son of Man" should come and the kingdom of God should triumph.

Such a coming is implied in certain parables as, for instance, the parable of the pounds. The Gospel of John describes Jesus as frequently referring to a "coming again," though it is true that not all of these refer to the same event. Jesus promised his disciples he would return.

2. This attitude of watchfulness was a constant expression of the early church. A clear statement appears in Acts 1:11 and much of the preaching of the church as is cited in Acts is futuristic and hopeful. Paul in his letters gives expression to the same hope of the Lord's return. It is significant that in the continuing observance of the Lord's Supper there should be a reference to the Lord's return. The disciples of Jesus and the early church believed he would return.

3. From the earliest days the belief in the return of Christ has been an incentive to missionary activity. Today this hope is the principal theme of various sects. We do not yet see the cause of Christ triumphant nor are the righteous vindicated in this life. The fullness of redemption awaits the revelation of God's Son as the logical completion of his purpose. The author of the epistle to the Hebrews (9:27) expresses the ardent hope "in the same manner Christ having been offered once for the removal of the sins of many will appear a second time apart from sin (not 'to deal with sin'—RSV) to the ones anxiously awaiting him for salvation."

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Shown above is the Vacation Bible School at Fort Bayou Church in Jackson County. There were 54 enrolled, with an average attendance of 34.

Melva Lee McAllister was principal, and Rev. Sidney Murphy of William Carey College is pastor.

The offering of \$18.80 was sent to the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson.

THOUGHT IN THE NIGHT

is a delightful collection of essays and meditations of abiding interest, written by Rev. Frank Johnson Pippin.

The author has skilfully selected his topics and while being intellectually refreshing and spiritually uplifting, one will thoroughly enjoy the spirited narratives as in "The Wedding Dress," and "The Trap." There is rollicking humor as in "Minister's Monday Night," and pleasant reminiscences like "Mama's Flowers," that leave the eyes moist. Also included are little abstract essays wrought in rich and beautiful imagery as in "Poetry," when the author says, "poetry is frost on an old wagon wheel . . . it is not home, but the journey back." With few exceptions, these essays are marked with Robert Frost's criteria of a good poem, delight and wisdom.

Order from the Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Massachusetts, or from the Baptist Book Store for \$2.50.

STORIES FROM THE BIBLE, OLD TESTAMENT

by E. Jerry Walker (Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, New Jersey, \$2.) includes about 38 stories, some familiar and some not so familiar, from the Old Testament. Writing for children the author uses vivid, imaginative language. Though colorful and adventurous and exciting the stories are still written in such simple terms that the smallest children will enjoy them. The book is designed especially for oral reading, but of course may be read silently as well. For many years the author, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Chicago, has been broadcasting his Bible stories over the radio and more recently on TV. He also wrote FIVE MINUTE STORIES FROM THE BIBLE. Order these Bible stories from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.

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Miss Vera Mae Anderson, Homestead, Florida, who graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1953, has been employed as a member of the Mississippi District YWCA staff. Serving as Y-Teen Program Director, she will work with 200 Y-Teen clubs of the state. She will assume her duties July 1.

The Annual meeting of the Southeastern Religious Education Association will be held August 10 and 11 at Ridgecrest. A program of interest to workers of all phases of Religious Education has been planned by the officers of the Association. Membership in the association is open to those who are vocationally engaged in any phase of Religious Education (includes music and secretarial) in the Southern Baptist Convention east of the Mississippi River. The current officers are Mr. James A. Ivey, Winston-Salem, N. C., President; Mr. Idus Owensby, Knoxville, Tenn., and Mr. Dan Bates, Richmond, Va., Vice Presidents; Miss Ella McWhite, Charleston, S. C., Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. Alwyn Howell, Jacksonville, Fla., Chorister and Miss Mildred Thomas, Asheville, N. C., Pianist.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Russell Herrington, Ethel; R. A. Herrington, Ethel; Delma Harkins, Kosciusko; Phyllis Dorris, Thomastown; W. M. Dorris, Thomastown; Albert V. Clark, Fayette; A. C. Johnson, Meridian; B. W. Keating, Sardis; Medora Murphy, Memphis; Billy G. Johnson, Bolton; Billy Roland, Forest; Lura Hogue, Glen Allen; Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Nicholson, Rolling Fork.

There were 27 additions in the revival at First Church, Holly Springs, Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor. Dr. David Grant, pastor First Church, Drew was the evangelist.

Registration of Baptists planning to attend the Baptist World Congress in July has reached 7,250, according to O. D. Wiles, chairman of the registration committee.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: J. V. Carr, Clinton; Don Cooper, Jackson; from Vicksburg: Calvin Walker; Bobby Middleton; Glenda Howard; Pat Ann Geesler; Joe Chris Ables; Donnie Roberts; Leonard Lee; Bill Beyton; Ann Harvey; Arline Peyton; Janie Wigle; Adele Blackburn; Barbara H. Ables; Edna R. Howard; Georgia F. Potter; Ginger Herring; Ernestine Hall; Perry White; Don Solomon; Annette Tanner; Mrs. I. C. Knox, Jr.; John Shingler; and Billy Middleton; G. E. Jolley, Sylva; Rev. W. B. Boatner, Port Gibson; Rev. Charlie Warren, Silver City.

Lyon Church has just purchased a new 48 passenger bus. The church has used one for 16 years and have found it very profitable. The bus is operated on a 40 mile route twice on Sundays and then on Wednesday night, and for all special services. The church has also purchased the lot adjacent to the church building. At the present time it is being used as a parking lot and will be used in the future for building expansion. Rev. James F. Kirkendall is the pastor.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Sonny Lowrey, Louisville; Rev. Paul Wilson, Noxapater; Rev. H. V. Bryant, Louisville; Penny Nelson, Bonita; Mrs. E. J. Flaherty, Bonita; Bobby Jones, Bonita; Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Chandler and Jesse, Bonita; Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Herrin, Eupora; Mrs. L. W. Harpole, Eupora; Mrs. C. G. Logan, Eupora; Nancy Johnson, Stewart; Geneva Waits, Eupora; Cornelia Sills, Jackson; Walter, Mary, Billy, and Steve Bisbee, Fresno, California.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the fourth annual session of the Sharkey-Issaquena Association. It was held with the Anguilla Church and the Rolling Fork Church in October, 1954. The next session is to be held with the Spanish Fort and Catchings Churches on October 10 and 11, 1955. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

To churches in the vicinity of Clinton which need a Minister of Music and Educational Director: A capable young lady whose husband is to enroll as a ministerial student at Mississippi College is seeking such a position. She has a B. S. degree with a major in music, and has served for one and one-half years as Music and Educational Director at a church in North Carolina, where she directed adult, youth, and junior choirs. She plays both piano and organ and has taught piano in the public schools. For references and for further information concerning the young lady write to the editor of the Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. She will be available July 15.

The First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas, is celebrating, this month, the fifth anniversary of its pastor, Carl E. Bates. During his pastorate there have been 4,058 additions, 1,369 by baptism; church budget increased from \$241,500 to \$475,500; property value increased \$2 million; Sunday school enrollment increased from 3,548 to 4,579; and Training Union departments increased from nineteen to fifty-three, with an enrollment of 1,946.—Sumy Bulletin. Editor's Note: Dr. Bates is a native of Liberty, Miss.

50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

By J. L. BOYD Sr.

50 Years Ago

During the recent commencement at Mississippi College at the Alumni Association, a strong plea was made by an influential but minority group for the institution to be made a co-educational college. Its first woman graduate since the Baptists took the school over in 1850 had been granted a diploma in the person of Miss Anna Ward Aven, daughter of Prof. A. J. Aven. But the movement for co-education in Mississippi was premature. (It was in 1942 that Hillman College was purchased and integrated into the Mississippi College to make the institution again co-educational as it had been from its founding in 1826 to 1850).

Pastor Bryan Simmons of the Brandon Church reports a revival meeting in which he was assisted by Rev. C. T. Kincannon of Lexington, resulting in "three happy girls and a bright boy" being baptized.

40 Years Ago

Pastor L. G. Gates of First Church, Laurel, reports 86 additions to the membership, 66 of these for baptism, from a revival meeting in which Rev. Jas. B. Leavelle of Oxford did the preaching and Robert Cooper of Aberdeen led the singing.

25 Years Ago

Deacon W. H. Patton of the Shubuta Baptist Church reports that they had "six for baptism and the church greatly revived" during the B.Y.P.U. Study Course Week and forty-two took the course and "stood the examinations." Pastor N. A. Edmonds did the preaching, and R. C. Cannon and wife assisted Mrs. Edmonds with the song services.

Dr. G. Norman Price, Jackson, a member of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, has been named to the plans and policies committee.

President G. Earl Guinn of Louisiana College here will be able to move into a new home in the not too distant future. The contract for the new president's home at the Baptist-operated college was awarded recently. It will cost about \$60,000.

Dr. W. P. Davis, pastor First Church, Flora, and member of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has been informed that the first official session will be held in November.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

June 27 — R. A. Camp, Garywa; Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Bolivar Association W.M.U. Superintendent.

June 28 — Rev. R. T. B. Leavelle, Newton Association Chairman of Evangelism; Rev. J. D. Lundy, Jackson Association Training Union Director.

June 29 — Earl Edwards, Trustee, Clarke College; Rev. Franklin Haire, Franklin Association Music Director.

June 30 — L. E. Turner, George Association Brotherhood President; Dr. L. Bracey Campbell, Mississippi College faculty.

July 1 — Rev. D. O. Horne, Tallahatchie Association Missionary; Roy S. Isbell, BSU Director, Mississippi State College.

July 2 — Mrs. W. E. Stewart, William Carey College staff; Mrs. Ned Rice, Trustee, Mississippi College.

July 3 — Louise Hill, Baptist Building; Alexine Gibson, Baptist Building.

O. D. Wiles, chairman of the registration committee for the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, reports that the London office had received applications from 7,250, as of May 17, with requests still coming in. This figure includes 2,780 for Europe, 3,950 for the Americans, 70 for Africa, 75 for Asia, and 370 for Australasia.—Sumy Bulletin.

My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Elon L. Dean, Rosedale
"For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." (Luke 9:56, King James).

II. By Mrs. Jimmie Maund, Hattiesburg and Mrs. Albert Kelley, Louin

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1, King James Version)

III. By Mrs. Webster Boyd, Tylertown

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13, King James Version)

IV. By Mrs. J. H. Milner, Vicksburg

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you, let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27, King James)

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WHEN PAPA READ THE BIBLE by Chester Warren Quimby is overflowing with nostalgic memories, told with a delightful sense of the whimsical as well as a deep appreciation of Bible reading for today.

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WHEN THE HEART IS HUNGRY, CHRIST'S PARABLES FOR TODAY (Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, New Jersey, \$2), is written by Dr. Charles L. Allen, well-known pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Allen says that the parables of Jesus are "earthly stories with heavenly meanings." Just as the parables deal with the common experiences of men, so they are presented here not as scholarly expositions, but as spiritual food for the hungry hearts of a common suffering humanity. Each of the 22 parables the author discusses is full of the compassion that God has for His children and of the beauty that is in Jesus. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

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KID'S GAME BOOK (Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 35 cents) by Mabel H. Nance contains 32 pages of games for children. According to the preface, "To develop a wellrounded life, children must have various forms of recreation. The games in this book help to teach fair play and honesty, so vital in the lives of Christian youth." Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

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Music Department

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HIGH LIGHTS OF THE MUSIC LEADERS LABORATORY

The Music Leaders Laboratory was held in the chapel of the First Baptist Church of Jackson on Friday, June 10. The attendance was very good with a registration of 124 according to the registration cards. Pastors and Music Directors were present from every area of the State.

The program featured discussions on the relationship of the music director to the pastor and the pastor to the music director. The program opened with discussions on the establishment of the Church Music Department with the new standard of excellence as a basis of discussion. Dr. Lewis Rhodes, Pastor of the Daniel Memorial Baptist Church of Jackson, spoke on the subject, "The Pastor Views The Music Program." The response to Dr. Rhodes's message was given by Dr. Plunkett Martin, Head of The School of Music of The New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Dr. Martin spoke on the subject, "The Relationship of the Music Director to the Pastor."

During the afternoon a very helpful discussion was lead by Mrs. M. O. Jones, Manager of the Baptist Book Store, on the

subject, "The Book Store Serves the Music Program." Dr. Martin spoke on the subject, "Training for Music Leaders." The final item on the program was the Open Forum, under which Dr. Martin presided and all the people participated. Many questions were answered that would be helpful to all of the music directors present.

The Music Department expresses appreciation to all of those who attended and helped in any way to make this program a success.

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VERY IMPORTANT

All leaders, directors, and pianists of beginner, primary and junior choirs will be interested to know that Mrs. R. A. Herritage, Minister of Music, 1st Baptist Church Greenwood will teach a new and unique course at Mississippi College during our State School of Church Music. This course is entitled, "THE CHILD'S VOICE." This is not a course in graded choir work, rather a technical study of how to train and protect the child's voice. This course will be open to everybody, but is especially designed to help the leaders of children's choirs. This course alone will be worth the entire price of our school.

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Providence (Tippah)	87	12.93
Cross Roads (Rankin)	84	19.80
Dixie (Lebanon)	111	16.10
Bethlehem (Jones)	113	7.90
Crowder (Riverside)	161	14.90
E. Mt. Zion (Lee)	88	7.58
Camp Creek (Lee)	82	12.66
Burnsville		
(Tishomingo)	94	14.00
Goss (Marion)	98	16.43
Randolph (Pontotoc)	57	6.97
Ellisville, First		
(Jones)	194	31.49
Fairs Chapel		
(Calhoun)	20	1.00
Roundaway	77	6.09
Union (Pearl River)	149	14.00
Flowood (Rankin)	85	15.35
Crenshaw (Panola)	87	19.31
Good Hope (Perry)	54	5.33
Cedar Grove (Marion)	88	10.43
East Columbia		
(Marion)	100	27.73
Horton Memorial		
(Pontotoc)	35	4.00
Oak Hill (Pontotoc)	61	25.00
Two Mile (Scott)	51	3.00
Hope (Neshoba)	67	23.41
Pearl (Rankin)	191	60.95
Oak Grove (Clarke)	51	10.76
Lexington, First		
(Holmes)	146	15.05
Sallis (Attala)	68	7.70
Silver Creek (Pike)	94	20.16
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	114	14.18
Spring Hill		
(Pearl River)	44	13.71

Morgan Chapel

(Oktibbeha)	87	12.00
Oak Grove (Miss.)	71	10.00
Bethel Baptist (Miss.)	78	11.43
Weir (Choctaw)	107	27.00
Carriere		
(Pearl River)	73	10.91
Calvary, Pricedale		
(Pike)	81	
Lexington (Holmes)	146	
Oakhurst		
(Riverside)	289	
Rolling Fork (Sharkey- Issaquena)	161	36.34
East End (Lowndes)	131	15.55
Wiggins (Lebanon)	159	29.63
Hekzibah		
(Jeff. Davis)	61	18.25
Oakland		
(Lauderdale)	208	74.01
Antioch (Jeff. Davis)	61	11.33
Ocean Springs		
(Jackson)	54	7.54
Emmanuel (Jones)	69	5.12
Issaquena (Sharkey- Issaquena)	97	5.88
Arcola (Washington)	61	9.34
Morgantown (Union)	134	21.20
Calvary, Smithdale		
(Miss.)	70	13.80
First, Indianola		
(Sunflower)	211	30.60
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(Jones)	125	5.00
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(Lauderdale)	269	99.36
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(Winston)	118	17.97
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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

Deacon for Life

Question: If a man is ordained a deacon in a church, is he a deacon for life in that church, even if he moves away? Also can he go to another church (of the same denomination) and automatically become a deacon of that church? I have reference to Southern Baptist churches.

Answer: Baptists believe that each church must find "the mind of Christ" for itself. Jesus left the local church as the authority in such matters (Read Matt. 18:17; Acts 6:5; 9:26). This means that each congregation must counsel together and decide its own issues. Who is better prepared to decide?

Yet there is an amazing similarity among Baptists. In matters of doctrine and practice most Baptist churches agree.

Concerning deacons some churches elect them for life in that church, some receive deacons from other churches as active from the time they join the particular church, and some elect them for a given term (three or six years). I have never heard of a deacon's being active in a church after he had moved his membership to another church. This last is contrary to Baptist practices.

There is no more reason for electing a deacon for life in a church than there is for electing a pastor for life.

Any deacon who is worthy of the name will be humble enough to take the judgment of the congregation in all such matters. If he has a lust for power he will want to stay in the saddle regardless of the opinion of the majority. Deacons are servants of the church, not bosses.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)



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Speakers And Leaders Announced For Brotherhood Weeks At Assemblies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Speakers and leaders for the two Conventionwide Brotherhood Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta this summer have been announced by Dr. George W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee.

Ridgecrest program personalities are: Dr. Ralph Overman, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Vernon Brown, Warner Robins, Georgia; and Dr. George W. Schroeder, Memphis. Conference leaders include J. A. Pennington, W. J. Isbell, Donald Adcox, Eddie Hurt, John Farmer, Horace Eason, G. A. Ratterree, and Bernard King. The opening session is 7:00 p. m., June 30, with the conference closing at noon on July 6. The Ridgecrest conference will be under the direction of David T. Mashburn, Associate Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission.

Glorieta speakers will include Dr. Roland Leath, Brownwood, Texas; Troy Prince, Car-

thage, Mississippi; Milburn Cooper and Vernon Shipp, Phoenix, Arizona; and T. Gordon Ryan, Ft. Worth, Texas. Conference leaders will be Dr. E. C. Routh, L. H. Tapscott, A. C. Wimpee, Lucien Coleman, George Wheeler, H. C. Sivells, and Walter Bisbee. The opening session begins at 7:00 p. m., July 23, with the conference ending at noon, August 3. James M. Sapp, Associate Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, will direct the Glorieta conference.

Programs at both Ridgecrest and Glorieta will be simultaneous with conferences on Foreign Missions. Joint sessions of the two conferences will be a feature several times during each week. Men may bring their families and share two Conventionwide conferences during the same week. Periods of inspiration, fellowship, study, recreation and worship have been arranged for every member of the family.

ILLUSTRATED HYMN

TALKS (Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, New Jersey, \$1.25) is written by Stella O. Barnett, with devotionals by Susan Adams. The 90-page book gives instructions on how to sing and talk with chalk. Illustrated in black and white, the little book gives chalk talks for 16 hymns and five

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LAUDERDALE ASSOCIATION

The Community Missions Committee, under the direction of Mrs. H. C. Parker, chairman, is giving a great deal of emphasis to Alcohol Education. They have erected "Burma Shave" type signs, with educational messages concerning the effects of alcohol. These have been erected on various roads in the county. They were bought by various churches and erected by the Brotherhoods.

The large sign is located on Highway 45 — a transcontinental highway. The group of women are representatives of the Community Missions Committee in the various churches.

SPEAKER FOR WMS CAMP



Vena Aguillard

MISS VENA AGUILLARD, 511 North Second Street, Eunice, Louisiana.

Miss Aguillard is a native of Louisiana of French parentage. Since Miss Aguillard (Ah-gee-ar) graduated from the Baptist Bible Institute, she has been working among her own French people in Louisiana. She is a well-trained and consecrated Christian missionary. She is an outstanding and interesting speaker and has been most enthusiastically received in the programs in which she has participated. Miss Aguillard is a Field Worker of the Home Mission Board. She has a most interesting and inspiring message.

OFFICERS

It is urged that all WMU Officers will be elected early in August. Plans have been made for the WMS Camp (August 22-26) at Garaywa and special days at Oxford (August 17) and New Albany (August 18). There will be special Home and Foreign Mission

emphasis together with 15 simultaneous conferences for new officers.

STATE MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER

Plans have been made for a day of preparation on September 12 and a week of prayer for definite objectives is planned. A "prayer folder" listing definite objectives will be given each woman on that date. Request will be made for a period to be set aside each day for individual prayer. The program material will be presented on September 19-20. The emphasis this year is on PRAYER.

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When Should A Church Divide?

By Dr. E. N. Patterson

Are there any occasions when a Baptist church should split? How far should a person be willing to go, as a church changes its doctrinal position, before he withdraws from its membership?

My wife and I attended the morning worship service of a Baptist church here in the East. We worshipped in their beautiful new auditorium with the divided chancel, the cross and candle sticks were in the center representing the host, the pulpit was on one side and the place for reading the scripture on the other. As the music started the processional came down the center aisle, just as in any high church service of any denomination.

In the bulletin that Sunday, to my amazement, there was a notice that in the next business meeting of the church they would discuss whether the church should start practicing

open membership. This would mean accepting sprinkling for baptism. The church met in the business meeting and an outside speaker presented open membership in a favorable light. There was such a difference of opinion that the church decided not to vote on the matter for a while.

The pastor of this church is in favor of open membership. He feels that it will be a progressive step for this Baptist church, after all these years, to open its doors to people who have not been baptised.

Now a member of the church, who is disturbed over this question, tells me there are a number of members who are against open membership. This member wants to know what to do if the church votes for open membership. My advice was, if the church votes for this, move your membership to a church that holds to this New Testament doctrine, baptism. If you cannot find such a church close by, then the group should think about organizing a New Testament church.

Someone will say what this member said, "I don't want to split the church." Now the question comes, just how far a church can go from the New Testament before one should leave. The requirements for membership in a New Testament church are simple and clear.

1. You accept Christ as a personal Saviour.
2. You follow Christ in christian baptism. (Immersion of believers).
3. You purpose in your heart to live for Christ day by day.

There are many other things that are important to a New Testament church, but we are not concerned with them in this article. The question of open church membership is a vital question among Baptist churches in some sections of the United States today. When a Baptist church starts this it becomes a community church, and there is always room in that community to start a New Testament church.

Let us remember this as Baptists, that if all our churches should turn away from the New Testament, God will raise up another group to take our place in propagating the simple faith of the New Testament.

What a day for Southern Baptists and for other churches that will follow the simple teachings of the New Testament in regards to the church. The common people are hungry for the bread of life. People will flock to churches of this kind in any section of this land.

This is the final test of a gentleman: his respect for those who can be of no possible service to him. —Phelps

Typical Protestant Minister Sketched In New Survey

The typical Protestant minister in the U. S. is between the ages of 35 and 44, is married and has two children. He serves a church of about 400 members, lives in a medium-sized Midwest city, owns a car and has a rather slim bank account.

He is the best educated preacher in American history, but he faces a far greater multiplicity of problems than did the ministers of previous generations. His job demands that he be a combination of pastor, administrator, counsellor, priest, educator, organizer and social actionist.

This picture of today's average clergyman is recorded in some 12,000 pages of documentation gathered over the past 18 months by Dr. Samuel W. Blizzard, visiting professor at

Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Blizzard was commissioned in 1953 by the Russell Sage Foundation to collaborate with the Seminary on "A Study of the Functions of the Parish Minister." The project is believed to be the first major study of the Protestant ministry in the U. S. in more than a decade.

Detailed questionnaires were sent to upwards of 1,600 graduates of five seminaries representing every economic and social region in the country and more than 20 of the major Protestant denominations. They went also to a group of

clergymen in rural and urban areas selected by their denominations. From these, 1,150 replies were received from ministers in 47 states.

Well over half reported they graduated from seminary since the beginning of the war and all but two percent said they are serving as full-time ministers.

Only seven percent have been in their present parish for as many as ten years. Ninety-nine percent of those in urban areas serve only one church, whereas 20 percent of those in rural areas serve two churches and one percent minister to as many as eight or more. Nearly two-thirds serve churches with Sunday school with membership up to 400.

Half of the preachers reported they get along without any office help and 20 percent have part-time secretarial assistance. Nine percent perform their own building maintenance chores with 54 percent reporting part-time help.

The average minister's most perplexing problems arise out of the complexity of the job, the report shows. According to Dr. Blizzard, recent developments in American culture and community life mean that clergymen now being trained in seminaries are "walking out to face a different world than did those of a previous generation."

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New Staff Member At Laurel, 2nd Ave.



Lexie Muse

Second Avenue Church, Laurel, welcomed Lexie Muse of Meridian, as Minister of Education on June 15. She comes to Laurel from the Lee Street Church, Valdosta, Georgia, where she served in a similar position.

Miss Muse is a graduate of the Meridian High School and Junior College, Blue Mountain College, and received her Master of Religious Education Degree from the Southwestern Seminary.

Dr. W. Levon Moore is pastor.

Southside, Meridian Shows Progress

Sunday, June 26, will mark the first anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. W. E. Speed at South Side Church, Meridian. Under his leadership, the church has shown remarkable progress in all phases of its work. There have been 171 additions to the church with 71 by baptism and a net gain of 100. The present Sunday School enrollment is 939 which is a net increase of 165 for the year. The Sunday School, which attained the standard this year, reached a record attendance in March of 654, added five new departments, and now shows an average attendance of 455. An eight room residence adjoining the church property has been purchased.

An Enlargement Campaign in April resulted in five new departments in the Training Union and a net increase in enrollment of 100.

Gifts to the church Budget have increased \$8000. The balcony of the auditorium has been enlarged and auditorium has been redecorated. New light fixtures have been installed and carpeting added. Recently an air condition-heating system was completed for use in the auditorium and church offices were air conditioned.

An additional to the church staff has been made in the

Hospital Drive Progress Noted

Seven Associations have already given a place on their fall program for presentation of the \$500,000 church phase of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Building Fund Campaign, according to Rev. James B. Parker, state campaign director.

Latest figures released disclosed that 64 churches have reported a potential total of \$262,492.

Churches added to the list of those reporting since last week are: Rienzi; Elim-Noxubee; Duffee, Union; Sauls Valley, Meadville; Pine Grove, Ellisville.

First, Petal; Escatawpa; Pleasant Hill, Tupelo; Blaine; Calvary, Ellisville; Fellowship, Mathiston; New Prospect, Cart-hage; Bethel, Liberty; Bethesda; West Poplarville; Standing Pine, Dossville; Walthall, Okolona; Bethel, Brandon; Tchula; Bay Springs; First, Louisville; First, Union; First, Natchez; Springfield, Morton.

The Highland Church, Meridian, gave a reception for its new pastor, Dr. C. C. Randall and family on June 17.

coming of Mrs. Rondal Merrell as Music and Education Director.

28th Avenue To Have Homecoming

South 28th Avenue Church of Hattiesburg will observe Homecoming day on Sunday, June 26. It is the fourteenth anniversary of the church.

The church had its beginning as a mission of Main Street of Hattiesburg during the ministry of Rev. J. A. Barnhill who is now in an active ministry in Jackson.

Morning, afternoon, and evening services are to be held. Dinner will be served on the grounds. The church is in a Sunday School enlargement program.

Rev. Joseph L. Small is pastor.

Native of Quitman Licensed To Preach

Joseph W. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Florence Y. Williams of Quitman, was licensed to preach by Rev. Thurman W. Booth of the Valence Street Church of New Orleans on May 8.

Mr. Williams plans to enter Clarke Memorial College in September.

The Clinton Church, Rev. Russell McIntire, pastor, is currently conducting its regular Sunday morning worship at 9:45 instead of 11 with Sunday School at the same hour, 10:45.

SALT OF THE EARTH by Agnes Reiniger Bieber is a challenging book, "a thoughtful indictment of the Pharisaism of those who have compressed Christianity into a pattern they like." It is a call to prompt self-analysis by leaders and laymen of the church and an appeal for a return to basic Christlike living and teaching. Says the author, "We love ourselves and kid ourselves into believing we love God." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Vantage Press, Inc., 120 W. 31 Street, New York 1, N. Y. (\$2.50).

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Grenada County Association which met in thirty-fifth annual session at Pleasant Grove Church on September 7, 1954. The next meeting is to be held at First Church, Grenada on September 6, 1955. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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Two Jackson Baptist church music leaders will assist as faculty members for the Fifteenth Southern Baptist Church Music Conference at Ridgecrest July 14-20. Reid Moore, minister of music, First Church, and W. C. Morgan, Music Secretary for Mississippi, will serve as conference leaders.



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The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of eight subscriptions for the Lone Pine Church in Madison County, sent in by Mr. Willard Hughes.

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Cairo Comes In

Rev. Billy Baker doesn't do things by halves. Since his call to the ministry he has been quite active as pastor of Cairo Church in Pontotoc County and he has led the people to make the Baptist Record a part of their program.

A few weeks ago he asked that the Record be sent to the members of the church on trial. The result was the usual one.

Record readers in Pontotoc County are now listed as follows: CAIRO, 44; ALGOMA, 26; BELLEVUE, 19; Buchanan, 1; CHERRY CREEK, 50; ECRU, 135; ENDVILLE, 31; Friendship, 1; FURRS, 40; Harmony, 1; LONGVIEW, 60; PONTOTOC, 250; RANDOLPH, 46; Shady Grove, 2; Thaxton, 2; TOCCOPOLA, 38; TOXISH, 58; Turnpike, 1; Valley Grove, 10; WEST HEIGHTS, 79; Zion, 10; LIBERTY, 27.

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Missionaries: India's Door Is Open

By A. Russell Stevenson

In his daily search for what is news in India, the New Delhi correspondent of a major U. S. newspaper, or press association may learn that the Indian Government has refused a visa to an American missionary, hopeful of representing his church there.

Rightly he files a story, and it appears next day in a thousand newspapers all over the U. S.

Theoretically this may happen, and doubtless has happened a dozen times in the last two or three years.

It has also happened that other stories cabled to the U. S. have cited extremist statements by Right-Wing Hindu nationalists, condemning the whole Christian missionary movement in India as "imperialist" or "colonialist" and calling for wholesale expulsions.

These utterances, too, were news, and as such have been carried by U. S. dailies from coast to coast.

Now in their primary function of telling us what happened yesterday, if not today or an hour ago, newspapers and news-gathering agencies haven't the remotest responsibility to give us also the whole context along with the news nugget. That may have to wait for a feature story or columnist's commentary, which the casual reader of nuggets doesn't always catch in his read-and-run day.

Wrong Impressions

The unhappy result of this, as far as the missionary movement in India is concerned, has been the growing impression across the U. S. that India has no place for Christian missionaries from the U. S. And that, in fact, the day of missionary endeavor there is fast drawing to a close.

The truth is the exact opposite. American missionaries are needed and wanted in India today.

The door is open — not as wide as it used to be, perhaps, but it is open. And large numbers of American missionaries are freely carrying on their ministry of preaching, healing and serving.

True, they are doing this, not as their fathers did, with the entire responsibility resting with themselves and their boards back home. They are working in cooperation with their colleagues in the new, and ever strengthening, Indian churches.

But they are there, they are working freely and usefully, and they are welcome.

That the role of the foreign missionary has changed all will agree. He now goes not only as a partner to work side by side with the Indian Christian. He goes at the invitation of the churches within the country.

Moreover, recent conversations and developments between leaders of both church and government in India give clear indication that we may anticipate manifold opportunities for the free and open preaching of the Gospel in the years ahead.

During her visit in America not long ago, Raj Kumar Amrit Kauer, the Minister of Health in

the Indian Cabinet, said "India is not anti-missionary in spite of rumors to the contrary." She

went on to say, "At a recent meeting of the Cabinet, all but one of the ministers stood with me in my championship of the work of foreign missionaries." (The lone exception is without doubt Home Minister Katju, who on numerous occasions has expressed before the Indian Parliament his opposition to the presence and activities of foreign missionaries on Indian soil.) Another distinguished Indian leader who believes we should face the future with confidence is Mr. C. P. Mathew, a member of Parliament from the state of Travancore - Cochin, and recently a member of the India delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Recently Mr. Mathew said, "I take pride in the new Indian constitution which guarantees to all freedom of religion; freedom of belief, of worship, and freedom to propagate." He added that recent decisions in the Supreme Court have supported this guarantee. "This fundamental right, 'freely to profess, practice, and propagate,' must prevail for all who live in India," Mr. Mathew said, "and must not be denied to foreigners as some Hindu leaders have insisted."

Startling Change

Christian people in America must look at India, at the role of the missionary, and at the task of carrying on a Christian witness, in the light of the startling changes that have taken place since India achieved her independence in 1947. Change in itself is no guarantee of progress, but in India the progress that has accompanied the change has been notable. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Nehru, the Indian nation has established itself as a sovereign, independent republic. India has adopted a constitution consistent with the aims of a secular state. Untouchability has been legally outlawed, economic and social reforms have been carried out, and India has taken her proper place in the United Nations as an equal partner with other nations and as the ardent champion of those nations which are still subject to colonial rule. In 1952 India held her first nation-wide elections. In a dramatic demonstration of political democracy 107 million people went to the polls to elect representatives to national and local offices.

The Christians of India, numbering close to ten million, have not remained aloof from this change. They have been a part of it and to a degree out of proportion to their numbers, have been instrumental in the progress so far. They are concerned that their life in the churches shall evidence a similar growth. The churches of India are anxious to achieve complete independence and autonomy, to build up Indian leadership, to develop their own ways of witness and

worship, and at all points to be free of foreign control.

These are worthy goals. They are goals which both the churches and the missions must seek to realize. Toward that end the missionary from the West is welcomed as a "partner in obedience." In that partnership and in that obedience the Christians of India and America will find their place in a fellowship that can never be limited by national boundaries, a fellowship that is world-wide.

We can be grateful for the large degree of freedom and opportunity that has been accorded to American missionaries during the 140 years that they have served in India. The missionary has travelled widely, he has founded institutions, established churches, and proclaimed the Gospel. That God has blessed these efforts is evident to all. Christianity is firmly rooted in India.

India Caught In Tensions

Today, however, the Indian nation is caught up in the tensions that prevail the world over. There are political and religious tensions within the country. Giving voice to India's special religious tensions is the highly vocal Mahasabha Party. Through the Mahasabha, Hindu Extremists are openly working for the establishment of a Hindu state, a state, that would deprive religious minorities of equal rights and would establish Hinduism as the national religion. These extremists charge that missionaries act as political agents, that they win converts by offering material inducements, and that the adoption of Christianity is tantamount to giving up Indian nationality.

It is encouraging to note that Indian Christians have protested against these irresponsible attacks. The New York Times of January 2 reported on the resolutions formulated by the All-India Conference of Indian Christians. They warned government leaders that these attacks against foreign missionaries are widening into attacks against Christianity itself. In its statement the Conference declared, "Foreign missionaries will be welcomed as valuable co-workers."

The government also faces external tensions. Communist-dominated states lie to the north, and to the east and the west lie the two sections of a country with which an uneasy truce still exists. Missionaries are foreigners and the government considers it necessary to be informed of the activities of foreigners living within the borders of India. We must, therefore, be sensitive to the situation which the presence of American missionaries creates.

The government has made it clear that certain restrictions are in order. Missionaries will be most severely restricted in those border areas where foreign agents seek to penetrate or where unrest is caused by dissatisfied

Licensed To Preach



Edward F. Todd, Jr.

Edward F. Todd, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Todd of Abott, has been licensed to preach by the Siloam Church in Clay County, Rev. Claude Howe, pastor. Edward, who is 16, is a junior at West Point High School. He surrendered his life to the Gospel ministry in July, 1954, and plans to enter Mississippi College later.

tribal groups. Missionaries must not, on their own initiative and without due clearance, open up work in new areas. Should expansion be planned, use should be made of Indian personnel, unless the need for a foreign missionary can be demonstrated. Further, mission boards should not anticipate an increase over the number of missionaries now in India. Instead, every effort should be made to train more Indian leaders. Where possible, work should be turned over to Indians. Lastly, it should be left to the churches of India to invite the missionary and to establish with the government the need for his presence.

The Southern Asia Committee recently adopted a statement in which it set forth certain basic principles to govern the entry and work of American missionaries. These principles should come as no surprise. They recognize the changes that have taken place and yet they are not born purely of expediency. They are principles that have been supported by missionary statesmen who, from the earliest times, have sought to build up strong, independent churches free of foreign control. It will be noted that in two instances (Items 2 and 4) the statement of principles

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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

Fourteen Young People Appointed Missionaries

Fourteen young people were appointed missionaries at the June meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, bringing the total number of active Southern Baptist missionaries to 1,014. The June appointees are:

Edgar H. Burks, Jr., and Linnie Jane Joslin Burks, both of Missouri, for Nigeria; William A. Cowley, Kentucky, and Audrey Evans Cowley, Florida, for Nigeria; Sarah Lou Henley, Texas, for Nigeria; John B. Hill, South Carolina, and Louis Lewis Hill, Alabama, for Nigeria.

Reiji Hoshizaki, California, and Asano Masanki Hoshizaki, Hawaii, for Japan; Karl J. Myers, Jr., West Virginia, and Mary Elizabeth Lawton Myers, South Carolina, for Nigeria; James W. Smith and Elizabeth Flanders Smith, both of Georgia, for Israel; and Amy Snelling, North Carolina, for Paraguay.

The Foreign Mission Board has appointed 78 missionaries this year and it is expected that the total for the year will go beyond 100.

Factors of Encouragement

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, told the Foreign Mission Board that the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention indi-

cated the growing concern of the entire Convention for a larger world ministry. "One of the most encouraging reinforcements in the world task is the spiritual concern and mutual helpfulness of all the agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention," he said.

"Another heartening factor lies in the continued response of the young pastors who have completed their training and are now offering themselves to go as missionaries even though they had thought themselves settled permanently in the ministry. It is probable that we will appoint more missionaries this year than in any previous year of the Board's history. We must increase appointments to not less than 150 annually."

Dr. Cauthen expressed the hope that all those who attend the Baptist World Alliance will avail themselves of every possible opportunity to see mission work and that they will, upon their return, share widely their impressions of the urgency of the world task of Southern Baptists.

Africa

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, has received significant reports concerning Africa from two outstanding non-Baptist leaders during recent weeks. One of these re-

ports, by a missionary from India who has recently surveyed Africa south of the Sahara, says:

"Africa offers incomparably great opportunities for church growth. Fifty million persons may be won for Christ in the next thirty years. No such open door has ever faced Christendom. Here is a continent which may be brought into the Kingdom of Christ in this generation... There is extreme need to act now in the uniquely favorable climate of today. Tomorrow will be too late."

Several months ago the relief committee of the Southern Baptist Convention appropriated \$5,000 to aid in the rehabilitation of the members of the Kikuyu tribe who are related to the Mau Mau movement. A letter from Rev. S. A. Morrison, of the Christian Council of Kenya, says:

"Your contribution has enabled us to arrange for regular visits to home guard posts and to the new villages for evangelistic meetings. It has made it possible for us to appoint full-time workers in the detention camps. It has also enabled us to make a survey of the situation in the reserves with a view particularly to developing evangelistic work among women and young people." Mr. Morrison indicated there has never been a time of such opportunity for evangelistic work

among the Kikuyu people.

Latin America

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, says Baptist churches of that area are growing in their awareness of biblical stewardship. Following a week of studies in the Zacapu Church, Mexico, the 38 members were asked to pledge to tithe. When the pledges were counted, there were 41. Five were signed by sympathizers. add Foreign Mission Bd. CB who are interested in the gospel but who are not yet believers.

The pastor of this church gave a Bible to an elderly man who had been attending services at one of the missions. In reading the Levitical teachings about tithing, the man was convinced that he must do his part. He said to himself, "I have 10 pigs; one belongs to the Lord. I have 20 hens; two belong to the Lord."

The next morning he took the pig and the two hens to the market, sold them, and brought the money to the pastor to be placed in the treasury. Since that day he has been a faithful steward of the things which the Lord has given him.

Dr. Means reports that two of the pressing problems for Baptist work in Brazil are (1) far too few pastors to minister to existing churches, and (2) extensive sections of the country

which have not yet been reached. "Added to the weight of their ordinary responsibilities, the crushing consciousness of need is a very real part of the burden the missionaries carry," he says.

The Orient

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, has moved his headquarters from Singapore to Hong Kong, where his address is 169 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

In his report to the June meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Crawley pointed out two dominant factors in the political life of the Orient today. "The major and undoubted factor is the unfinished social revolution," he said. "This new awakening of the Orient is much more fundamental than the Communism which has tried to take advantage of it; and this revolution would have come just the same if Karl Marx had never lived."

"The revolution is even in a measure the outgrowth of Christian missions, which has given the masses of the Orient's people a new awareness that a better life is possible. The revolution is still in its beginning stages and will continue to dominate the social situation in the Orient for many decades to come."

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East McComb Ordains Minister



Rev. James E. Powell

Rev. James E. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Powell was ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry by the East McComb Church on Sunday, June 5, by request of the Bala Chitto Church, near Magnolia, where he has been chosen as pastor.

Those officiating in the ordination service were: Rev. C. E. Matthews, Rev. Marcus Smith, Rev. W. E. Corkern, Rev. Charlie Casz and the pastor, Rev. T. D. Sumrall.

James will be a senior in Mississippi College next year. For the third consecutive year he has been awarded the T. J. Parker scholarship, awarded as a memorial to one who would diligently pursue the necessary course of preparation of an efficient minister of the gospel.

He has also been awarded a Certificate of Honorable Mention among college men and women in the field of poetry composition. Much has been added to James' preparation for his pastoral duties by his work in the Gateway Mission in Jackson.

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Laurel, First	510	133	Bethel (Pearl River)	167	84
Jackson, Alta Woods	528	221	Brookhaven, First	829	278
Edwards	85	32	Main Church	681	181
Hattiesburg,			Southway	110	66
Main Street	935	375	Halbert Heights	38	31
Jackson, North Side	503	179	Brookhaven,		
Jackson, Calvary	1385	394	Hamilton St.	143	58
Main School	1332	372	Mt. Pleasant (Lincoln)	102	61
Mission	53	22	Crystal Springs, First	614	192
Pearl (Rankin)	191	127	Pilgrim's Rest		
Jackson,			(Copiah)	79	50
Daniel Memorial	642	259	Magnolia (Pike)	88	66
Byram (Hinds)	225	125	Gillsburg	221	116
Jackson, Crestwood	602	406	Starkville, First	613	230
Flowood	90	65	Laurel, Wildwood	177	53
Jackson, Broadmoor	410	145	Skene	112	51
Briar Hill (Rankin)	102	57	Meridian, 41st Ave.	371	138
Richland (Rankin)	200	76	Pelahatchie	176	79
Jackson, Parkway	891	458	Cross Roads (Rankin)	33	32
Jackson, West	343	137	Petal-Harvey	366	128
Jackson, First	1175	367	Main School	304	
Darling	100	60	Harvey	30	
Friendship (Jackson)	91	74	Richton Road	32	
Spanish Fort	65	47	Picayune, First	552	135
Clinton	445	192	Longview (Oktibbeha)	76	70
Jackson, Van Winkle	515	259	Leesburg	173	87
Biloxi, Trinity	225	71	Kosciusko, First	659	223
Greenwood, Calvary	439	161	Main School	638	
Gulfport, First	790	236	Maple Mission	21	
Biloxi, East Howard	227	127	Louisville, West End	108	78
Grenada, First	722	173	Jackson, Southside	309	153
Hurricane Creek			Murphy Creek		
(Marion)	124	87	(Winston)	120	73
Ellisville, West	164	97	Newton, First	406	169
Ruleville	261	155	New Sight (Lincoln)	163	85
Hattiesburg, Temple	503	152	Laurel, Second Ave.	420	156
Amity (Chickasaw)	59	77	Lucedale	420	143
Bethlehem (Jones)	174	118	Cleveland, First	437	91
Columbia, First	787	257	Main School	392	
Main Church	707	199	Chinese Mission	45	
South Columbia			Meridian, Eastview	190	94
Mission	80	58	Meridian,		
Fair River (Lincoln)	105	73	Oakland Heights	264	126
Soso, First	175	95	Clarksdale, Riverside	239	79
Aberdeen, First	376	93	June 12, 1955		
Olive Branch	183	82	Walnut (Tippah)	104	47
McComb, Locust St.	112	67	Pleasant Ridge		
Gulfport Heights	90	60	(Holmes)	95	59
New Prospect (Desoto)	120	107	Cleveland, First	425	109
Pleasant Ridge			Columbia, First	740	307
(Holmes)	65	74	Main Church	669	265
Paseagoula, First	780	251	South Columbia		
Main School	633	179	Mission	71	42
McArthur Chapel	52	20	McComb, Locust St.	130	75
Orange Grove			Ripley, First	343	110
Chapel	75	52	Calvary, West Point	258	165
Coldwater	160	56	—BR—		
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	64	63			
Wayside (Yalobusha)	59	49			
New Albany, First	665	154			
Main School	613	131			
North Side Mission	52	23			
Cleveland, Immanuel	154	96			
Brownville, (Beulah)	63	74			
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	130	63			
Ruth	72	66			
West Point, Calvary	246	136			
Glenfield (Union Co.)	102	103			
Horn Lake	143	101			
Hernando	157	71			
Charleston, First	353	117			
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	515	101			
Bay St. Louis, First	113	34			
Marks, First	245	71			
Long Beach, First	221	75			
Crowder	195	126			
Concord (Choctaw)	125	102			
Red Banks (Marshall)	78	37			
Calhoun City, First	315	127			
Clarksdale	417	131			
Ripley, First	301	99			
Calvary (Alcorn)	85	78			
Union, First	340	136			
Vicksburg, First	506	155			
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strength and song,
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John 9

Our text is 3, 30, 31, 34, 57,
58 and 59 combined

ACROSS

- 1 Kilowatt (abbr.)
- 3 While before
- 9 "Whether he . . . a sinner
or no" :25
- 11 Western continent (abbr.)
- 12 "How were thine eyes . . .
ed" :10
- 13 Beclouded
- 15 Bone
- 16 "Is this . . . son" :19
- 17 "of him that sent me, . . .
it is day" :4
- 21 Railway Transport Officer
(abbr.)
- 22 Opinions
- 24 Great-grandson of Ben-
jamin I Chron. 7:10
- 26 "anointed mine eyes, and
said unto . . ." :11
- 27 "And . . . was the sabbath
day" :14
- 28 "told you already, and ye
did . . . hear" :27
- 30 " . . . must work the works
of him that sent me" :4
- 31 "a man which . . . blind
from his birth." :1
- 34 "that he was born . . ." :2
- 36 "and I . . . d sight" :11
- 38 Mother
- 40 "wherefore would ye hear it
. . ." :27
- 41 Turn to the off side
- 43 Domestic animal
- 45 Company (abbr.)
- 46 "Dost thou believe . . . the
Son of God" :35
- 47 " . . . wash in the pool of
Siloam" :7
- 48 "will ye . . . be his discipl-
es" :27
- 49 Regret
- 50 Half an em
- 51 A son of Gad Gen. 46:16
- 53 "Master, who . . . sin" :2
- 55 "because he keepeth not
the sabbath . . ." :16
- 57 "how then doth he . . . see"
:19
- 58 Same as 30 across
- 59 "I washed, and do . . ." :15
- 60 "A man that . . . called Je-
sus made clay" :11

DOWN

- 1 "one thing I . . ." :25
- 2 "Go to the pool of Siloam

and . . . :11

- 3 "I am the light of the . . ."
:5
- 4 Horsepower (abbr.)
- 5 Snake-like fish
- 6 Royal Navy (abbr.)
- 7 "him that . . . was blind"
:13
- 8 Opposite of North
- 9 Brigadier General (abbr.)
- 10 "he anointed the . . . of the
blind man" :6
- 14 "he spat on the . . ." :6
- 18 Number of Psalm begin-
ning, "Why do the heathen
rage"
- 19 Electrical Engineer (abbr.)
- 20 " . . . long . . . I am in the
world" :5
- 23 "For judgment I . . . come
into this world" :39
- 25 "were not of God, he could
. . . nothing" :33
- 26 "How can a man that is a
sinner do such . . . s" :16
- 27 Independence League
(abbr.)
- 29 What did he . . . thee :26
- 31 Women's Christian Associa-
tion (abbr.)
- 32 The five vowels
- 33 "Neither hath this man . . .
nor his parents" :3
- 34 "Is not this he that sat and
. . ." :8
- 35 Same as 11 across
- 37 Self
- 39 Distress signal

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Alcorn	46	43	1	90	3	2	153
Benton		1	1				15
Bolivar	90	44		134	4	4	200
Calhoun	73	44		117		1	455
Chickasaw	35	9		44			
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Grenada	103	54	156	313	14	14	429
Hinds	358	378	5	741	20	45	1093
Humphreys	36	41		77			
Itawamba	3	13		16			
Jackson	260	137		397	32	17	555
Jones	83	99	3	185	2	2	67
Lauderdale	199	92	14	305	24	3	264
Lawrence	10	12	1	23		6	27
Leflore	109	60	6	175			155
Lowndes	42	25		67	1		20
Mississippi	80	23		103	2	2	36
Neshoba	43	24		67			
Noxubee	47	20		67	1		79
Panola	98	10		108	98		
Pontotoc	70	26		96	5	6	72
Rankin	87	69	18	174			
Scott	107	35	2	144	12	8	397
Simpson	67	30	1	98	13	2	137
Sunflower	175	132	4	311			361
Tate	39	13	2	54	5		17
Tishomingo	36	13		49			
Walthall	5	1		6			5
Washington	73	39	1	113		6	165
Zion	68	21		89		1	65
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Baptist Student Union

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Again, for the tenth straight June and, as we remember, the fourteenth time all together, we are attending Student Week at Ridgecrest.

During these years, as student and Student Worker, many have been the changes — in the physical aspects of Ridgecrest, in the world in general and in the student world in particular, and in us —, but the thrill of seeing hundreds of concerned Christian students together and the inspiration and challenge of the message of some of the world's great Christian adults remains.

This year, Mississippi is well represented by about 120 students and several program participants. Dr. Chester Swor, of Jackson, brought the keynote and opening message on "Christ . . . In All Thy Ways"; David Sansing, Miss. College, who is State BSU President, presided, and Mrs. Sibyl Brame Townsend, of Yazoo City and New Orleans Seminary, spoke on "In His Will Triumphant" on Friday morning; Dr. Swor is bringing the Campfire messages; Bryant Reed, Miss. State, State Social Chairman, led in prayer at one of the sessions; Miss. College students brought the opening Morning Watch program at Johnson Spring; John Britt, BSU President for Miss. Southern, is Convener for one of the Bible classes; Louie Farmer, Jr., BSU Director for Miss. Southern, is Director of the Workshop periods in which Marian Leavell and Nell Magee, BSU Director for Ole Miss and Jones Junior, respectively, are participating; Diane Willoughby, State Devotional Chairman from Blue Mountain, is convening the conference on "A Pastor Looks at Marriage," led by Dr. Clarence Cranford, of Washington, D. C.; Roy Isbell, Miss. State BSU Director, is in charge of a group of conferences; Tom Eyans, Miss. State, is a conference convener; Jimmy Breland, BSU Director for Delta State, is one of the Secretaries for Sunday School; Jane Anderson, formerly of Blue Mountain, now of Memphis, is a Sunday School Teacher, and Mary Ann Rushing, Holmes Junior BSU Director, Gladys Bryant, Director for East Central Junior, and the writer are among the Training Union leaders.

All in all, this year's Student Retreat is proving to be a distinct blessing to all of us who are here. We wish about 100 more Mississippians, at least, were with us.

FARMER'S PARTY LEAVES

The party led by Rev. Louie Farmer, Jr., BSU Director for Miss. Southern, is to leave New York June 30 for Canada, Eng-

land, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France and the Baptist World Alliance. They are due back in the States August 18.

Those composing the party are Edith Alexander, Itta Bena; Wanda Blumhast, Springfield, Mo.; Robert Brown, Iola, Kan.; Sara Ann Bullock, Greenville; Don Carrell, Columbus, Ga.; Evelyn Cleveland, Seneca, S. C.; Ronnie Cummie, Columbus, Ga.; J. R. Dudley, Jr., Scooba; Willard Dean, Springfield, Neb.; Mary Hix, Biscoe, N. C.; B. J. Runnels, Hattiesburg; Anne Washburn, Jackson; Page Taylor, Arlington, Va. and Betty Joyce Upton, Macon.

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Harmony, Laurel
Licenses Minister



Jimmy H. Bush

On Sunday, May 15, Jimmy H. Bush, a member of Harmony Church, Laurel, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bush, surrendered his life to the Gospel Ministry. The church licensed him on May 22.

Jimmy is eighteen years of age, and has just completed his freshman year of college at Jones County Junior College. He plans to enroll at William Carey College in the fall.

He preached his initial sermon in his home church Sunday night, June 19.

Rev. Tommy Fant is his pastor.

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Missionaries . . .

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ples is in complete agreement with present government policy. The principles are as follows:

Five Principles Adopted

(1) In all matters affecting the work and development of the Christian Churches in India the primary place of authority and responsibility rests with them.

(2) The development of Indian leadership must continue to have priority.

(3) Missionaries should be intellectually and spiritually strong. They should be prepared in every way to make a positive contribution to the wellbeing of the people of India.

(4) It is primarily for the churches in India to state how many and what kind of missionaries they need, and to present those needs to the government.

(5) All concerned should continue to uphold the principle that the Christian belongs to a world-wide fellowship. By the very nature of his allegiance to the Head of the Church, he has the duty to share his deepest convictions with all who care to listen and observe.

The door is open in India. There is a place for the American missionary, a place that is recognized by leaders in both the government and the churches. That place was well defined in the words of Mr. Mathew, who

In addition to his government responsibility is a distinguished layman in the Mar Thoma Church. He said: "The Christian Church is supra-national. When some Christians in our country therefore speak of having a purely Indian national church with no foreign connections, one can only think that it is because they have not grasped or appreciated the Church's universal character. Most of the churches in India want the help and continued presence of their fellow-workers from foreign countries who are here not as masters but as comrades and fellow-workers."

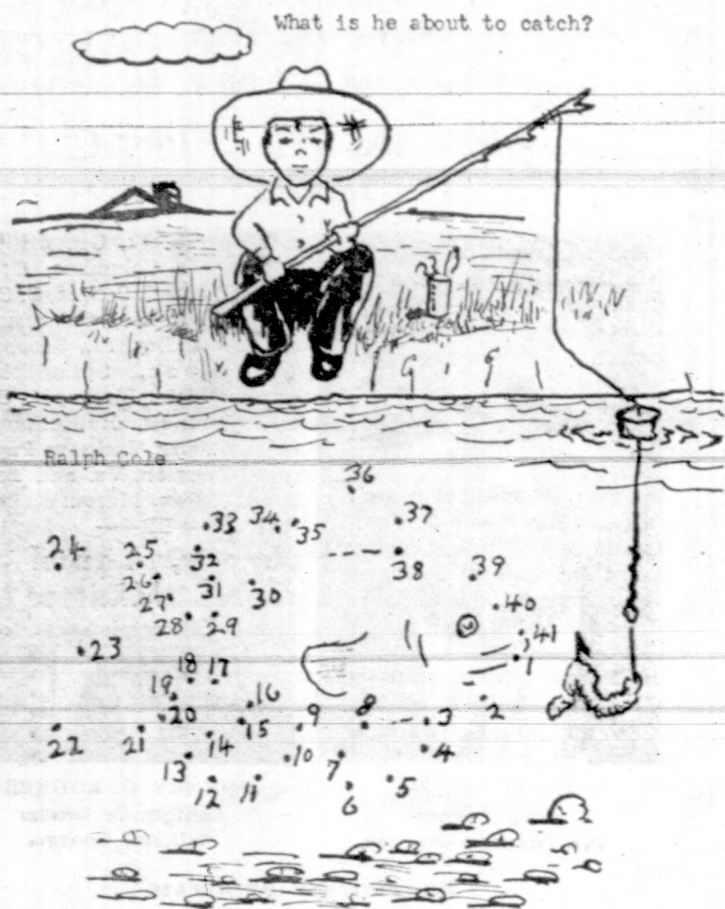
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Camp directors, youth counsellors, teachers and others concerned with planning youth programs will find ideas for exciting indoor and outdoor activities in a kit prepared by the United States Committee for UNICEF. Entitled UNDERSTANDING OUR NEIGHBORS, the kit contains—in addition to information on the work of UNICEF—songs, games, folktales, customs, and instructions on arts and crafts of 5 of the countries aided by the United Nations Children's Fund. The UNICEF Recreation Kit sells for \$1.00. Write to: The United States Committee for UNICEF Room 1860 United Nations, New York

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Children's Page



The Flaming Jewel

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The Knight set forth and

had many exciting and dangerous adventures, but always the Prince's jewel, pressed close against his bosom, sustained and strengthened him.

When he took the wrong road, the jewel burned until he returned to the forks and chose the right way. When he was tempted to do wrong, the jewel burned courage into his soul. When he was sad, it lay in warm comfort against his heart.

At length, with the ruby

Northside, (Wash.) Observes Youth Wk.

Northside Church, Greenville (Washington County) observed Youth Week June 6-12. The young people of the church conducted all services and two of the young men brought the messages on Sunday. Three members were added to the membership of the church; two by letter, one by baptism.

Northside is a young church, having been organized Jan. 30 with 79 charter members. There have been 36 additions since that time. A full program was initiated at the beginning and continuous growth has prevailed.

Both the Intermediate and Junior G. A. groups were A-1 during the first quarter of the year.

Rev. George A. Chandler, a native of Louisiana, graduate of Louisiana College and former pastor in Louisiana, is the pastor, having been mission pastor for two years preceding the organization of the church.

pressed close to his breast, the Knight, having conquered the last dragon, entered the shining gates of the castle which stood at the end of his journey.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee — Psalm 119: 11.

The Bible is your ruby, your flaming jewel. When you memorize its verses, you are holding it close to you, pressing it into your mind and heart, and it will help you when you need it.

If you are tempted to take something that does not belong to you, the words come, "Thou shalt not steal." You know that it is the ruby, burning against your conscience, warning you of danger.

When trouble comes, like death, to some one you love, the Bible says, "Let not your heart be troubled," and "All things work together for good." The jewel lies in warm comfort against your breast, reminding you that "God doeth all things well," and that his plans are best.

I am the Bible.

To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.

To one who sits in gloom, I am a glorious light.

To those who stoop beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.

To Him who has lost his way, I am a safe guide.

To the discouraged, I whisper words of hope.

To those who suffer in loneliness, I am a friend. Use me, I can help you.

"The Flaming Jewel," is from the book, SHINING ARMOR, by Edna Ewing Kelly.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest — June 30-July 6

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CHURCHMEN ASK BOYCOTT OF STORES OPEN ON SUNDAYS

NEWARK, N. J. — (RNS) — A boycott of stores that open for business on Sundays, except those "essential to the health and spiritual welfare of its citizens" was called for by the Newark Church Fellowship at its third annual meeting here.

The Fellowship, composed of clergymen and lay representatives of Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches, denounced the commercializing of Sunday which has been on the increase in this area.

It asked the Newark City Council, law enforcement agencies and mayor to "enact and enforce such legislation as will limit Sunday opening" to essential enterprises.

In its boycott call, the group urged church members not only to avoid Sunday shopping and commercial pursuits, but to "carefully refrain from doing business with stores which are open on Sundays."

Union Hall Has Youth Revival

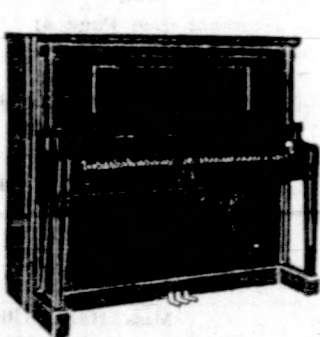
Union Hall Church in Lincoln County held a youth-led revival June 5-10.

The Youth Revival team was made up of three members: Rev. Lynwood Porter, Lincoln County, evangelist; Charles Furr, Lincoln County, pianist; and Thad Cochran, Hinds County, song leader.

Thirty-seven decisions were made during the week. There were two additions by letter.

Rev. W. H. Slaymaker is the pastor. Patsy Price was Chairman of the Youth Committee.

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THAILAND AND BURMA

By Joel Sorenson

Thailand — formerly Siam — means "Land of the Free." And in the country there pervades a spirit not only of freedom but of free, happy life. Thailand is one of the rice-bowls of the Orient, and there is no starvation. It may be that the diet is not balanced according to modern scientific standards, but the people do not have to worry about food. There is a certain beauty to Thai life, and the women are graceful. Gentleness is the most admired of the personality traits. Like the great river of the country, life flows slowly and under good control. A visitor, well familiar with the Asiatic peoples, recently remarked: "The Thai people are the only people left in Asia, which have not forgotten to laugh!"

The number of Christians in the country is not large. Only one of every 1,400 Thai is a Protestant Christian, the total number of Protestants being about 14,000. Most of these Christians belong to the United Church of Christ in Thailand, which is mainly Presbyterian. The Roman Catholic community numbers 40,000. About 18.8 million people dwell in the country.

The very first Baptist and Protestant effort on record for the land of Siam was made by Ann Hazeltine Judson, wife of the great Adoniram Judson of Burma. She became interested in Siamese captives in Rangoon and learned their language. In 1818 she wrote to a friend: "I have attended to the Siamese language for about a year and a half and with the assistance of my teacher have translated the Burman catechism, a tract containing an abstract of Christianity (written by her husband), and the Gospel of Matthew into that language." Ann Judson never saw Siam, but her efforts may not have been in vain. The catechism was printed but never the gospel of Matthew.

The oldest Baptist church in Thailand is Chinese, founded in 1837. To-day it has 400 members. My two meetings in Bangkok were held in the church building of this Chinese congregation.

Both Southern and American (Northern) Baptists are at work in Thailand. The Northern Baptists are working among the 30 Karen Baptist churches up North as well as in other places. The Southern Baptists have started a Bible School with ten students, built a student Centre in Bangkok and started work in various places. When a Southern Baptist missionary preached in a place up North, a man came to him afterwards and said "I heard the Gospel preached 20 years ago, so I know it." He became a Christian that evening and has since been a most faithful witness for Christ.

The Baptist work among the Thai people is just in its be-

ginning, rather it is making a new start. A new start is also made by the Buddhists. Bangkok is "flooded" by Buddhist priests in their yellow robes, who in the morning walk about, collecting their food for the day in their bowls from the faithful people. The Buddhist revival, apparent also in Burma, Ceylon and Japan is sponsored by the high government officials as well as by the Buddhist leaders themselves. There is the desire to revive the national culture by making the national religion strong. The 300 colorful temples in Bangkok are constantly visited by the people, who gain their merit through prayers and offering of flowers and candles. Only Christian faith of vigour and spiritual greatness will help our cause to victory in Thailand.

Burma — Adoniram Judson's country — was the next stop. For a week I spoke in churches and all kinds of institutions. And there are many of both kinds!

Adoniram Judson landed in Rangoon in 1813. It took him seven years to win the first convert! But those years certainly were not wasted. The missionary learned the Burmese language, translated the Bible into Burmese and produced later on the first Burmese — English dictionary. This dictionary is still a standard work, and has just appeared in a centenary edition. The Baptist Press, which Judson founded in Moulmein, was one of the great Christian institutions of Asia, producing Christian literature in more than 20 languages. What giants these early missionaries were! They educated the people, they reduced spoken languages into writing, they built schools and printing houses and helped in medical services — all this in addition to their basic task: to preach Christ. Our heritage due to the missionary pioneers is great indeed.

To-day there are about 200,000 baptized members of the various Baptist Conventions in Burma, which means that one out of every 94 Burma national is a Christian. Because of the many different nationalities in Burma, with widely different languages, it has been found expedient to form conventions of unions according to nationalities. The most successful work has not been done among the Burmese speaking people.

Out of a population of about 10 million Burmese only 5,000 are Baptists. The reason? The Burmese are Buddhists, and it is rather hard to win a Buddhist for the Gospel of Christ. The Karen people are not Buddhists. Most of them are animists. And among the animist people the response to the Gospel is a more ready one. To-day there are almost 100,000 Baptists among the Sgaw Karens and about 20,000 among the Pwo Karens. The rest of the Baptists are made up

of Mons, Chins, Kachins, Shans and others.

Here to tell about the wide spread work among the many nationalities of Burma is not possible. Only a few glimpses can be given.

A welcome tea was arranged for me at the campus of the Kemmendine Girls' High school in Rangoon. This school was formerly a mission supported school. Like so many other Baptist institutions the school was bombed during the war. After the war native women teachers asked for permission to go ahead. And they did a remarkable piece of work. The new school is a wonderful example of what love and sacrifice can do. And the Sunday of my visit a new chapel was dedicated, beautiful in moderate Western style. This chapel is also the home of a local Baptist church.

Some of the many problems involved here were touched upon in an informal session with the Christian students of the University of Rangoon. The upsurge of Buddhism, with its origin in the sixth Buddhist World Council, in session in Rangoon since May this year, and scheduled to last two years, calls for no cultural relations to the West. Here arises a big difficulty in the Christian witness to the Orient to-day! Christianity is easily interpreted as an attempt to sell the West to the Orient instead of what it actually is: a sovereign message above national cultures about the only true way of salvation. To solve this problem is one of the most urgent tasks of the present generations of Asiatic Christians. And it will have to be mainly solved by them, even if the Western Christians will have a large share of the responsibility to make the message genuine.

After this student meeting a leader of the Student Union of the University, a Christian, shared with me his concern regarding the Communist influence in the university. The Communist students are in a minority, they do not call themselves Communists but they know how to get into leading positions and influence the student body in Communist directions. Here is another great problem of the Christian East: to expose the falseness and wrong of Communism and empower the Christians to show forth the Christian faith in such a way, that it becomes attractive.

A memorable experience was my visit to the Susan Haswell Leper home, near Moulmein. At present 206 lepers are treated there. At least four hours a day they work. I saw them grind their rice and build a new hospital. In some cases the leprosy was far advanced but in 50 per cent of the cases the illness is cured. An improvised chapel service gave me the opportunity to speak about the hope in Christ, regardless of our external circumstances. The leper youth sang two hymns in Burmese, and I

sang a song in Swedish, which apparently was appreciated!

The Baptist work in Burma has seen a most remarkable progress since Judson's days. Now the work is more and more turned over into the hands of the national Christians. And there are some very capable leaders — even if many more are needed. One great problem, which these leaders will have to grapple with, is related to the very nature of our Christian faith. Some Baptist Conventions in the Orient have in their ranks Christians, who are second and third generation Christians, many of whom do not have a real experience of new life in Christ. It is a matter of concern and prayer that those — both in the East and the West — who now only in a formal way belong to the church, also in a real sense shall become "in Christ".

And so the ten weeks visit to the Orient has come to a close. This last article is being written in a place, where great Baptist history has been unfolded. I am writing in the house at Serampore, in which William Carey lived from 1823 till his death in 1834. I have just looked through the library of the college he founded with its many Bibles. His was the almost inconceivable achievement of translating the whole Bible or parts of it into 34 different languages, thereby opening the road of the Gospel to many peoples. It was William Carey who made the hearts of the Western Christian world burn with his great cry: "Expect great things from God! Attempt great things for God!" He did both. Thousands have followed in his path. Therefore Christ is crowned Lord and King among millions in the Orient to-day.

Baptist Youth: now it is your turn to expect and attempt what is great in God! The one-sided missionary epoch is rapidly coming to a close. United, inspiring one another, Baptists of East and West should proceed in their pilgrimage, to the city of God, a pilgrimage, which includes the great commission to preach the Gospel to all creation!

Next Week

Mississippi Baptists are definitely in the field of temperance education. Watch for next week's issue for complete story.



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School at First Church, Sumrall. There were 136 enrolled during the ten-day school, with 28 workers. Rev. T. F. Cooper is the pastor; Mrs. T. F. Cooper was the principal.

On June 26 the church will celebrate its 50th anniversary and dedicate its recently rebuilt parsonage. A revival will begin on the same day, with Rev. Troy A. Sumrall as the evangelist.

MARA OF OLD BABYLON, written by Elizabeth P. Witte-ridge and illustrated by Lucille Wallower (Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee, \$1.50) is of especial interest to little girls. Mara, daughter of one of the Hebrew exiles in Babylon, was excited about the approaching return of the Hebrews to Jerusalem. The journey would be thrilling, she thought, though it would be hard to leave home and friends for a new life in a strange place. This dramatic story tells of Mara's important part in getting ready for the journey. She notified the neighbors of the prophet's coming; she went with her father to pick out a camel for her to ride; she helped a slave boy escape from his cruel master. With deep feeling and understanding the author tells this memorable story of a young girl's courage and of a people's dream come true. This warm picture of Mara and her family is based on much research into the customs and events of the time. Appealing pictures add to the vividness of MARA OF OLD BABYLON. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

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The story is told of an only survivor of a shipwreck who was thrown upon an uninhabited island. After a while he managed to build a rude hut in which he placed the "little all" that he had saved from the sinking ship. He prayed to God for deliverance, and anxiously scanned the horizon each day to hail any ship that might chance to be passing that way. One day, upon returning from a hunt for food, he was horrified to find his hut in flames. All that he had, had gone up in smoke! The worst had happened, or so it appeared. But that which seemed to have happened for the worst was, in reality, for the best. To the man's limited vision, it was the worst. To God's infinite wisdom, his loss was for the best — that for which he had prayed. The very next day a ship arrived. "We saw your smoke signal," the captain said.

Can we not take our seeming calamities, and look for God's best in them? From **BETTER CHURCH BULLETINS** by Stella O. Barnett (Fleming H. Revell Company)